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SUBJECT: APRA RESPONSE TO PROPOSED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

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1. THE EXECUTIVE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE APRA PARTY ISSUED AUGUST 21

ITS LONG AWAITED RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ'S JULY 28 ADDRESS TO THE NATION. IN THAT ADDRESS (REF A) MORALES BERMUDEZ PROPOSED THE CONVENING OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN 1978 TO WRITE A NEW CONSTITUTION. SINCE THE SPEECH, THE GOP HAS HINTED THAT THE DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY WOULD IN PART BE SELECTED BY POPULAR VOTE AND IN PART FROM "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" SUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTED NATIONAL AGRARIAN CONFEDERATION.

2. THE APRA DECLARATION TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY NOT CONSIST ENTIRELY OF POPULARLY ELECTED DELEGATES. IT NOTES THAT THE PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS JUST SIGNED HUMAN RIGHTS AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON

HUMAN RIGHTS THAT SPECIFY AMONG THEIR ARTICLES THE RIGHT TO A POPULAR VOTE THAT IS "UNIVERSAL AND EQUAL". ACCORDINGLY, APARA CLAIMS THAT A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SELECTED BY AN OTHER PRINCIPLE THAN THE "UNIVERSAL AND EQUAL" VOTES OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE WOULD
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BE A VIOLATION OF THE VERY AGREEMENTS SO RECENTLY ASCRIBED TO BY THE GOP.

3. COMMENT: WHILE TAKING EXCEPTION TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" THE PROPOSED ASSEMBLY, THE TONE OF THE APRA DECLARATION IS, IN GENERAL, A CONCILIATORY RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ'S SPEECH. IT APPROVES, FOR INSTANCE, THE

WRITING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL INCORPORATE THE "STRUCTURAL REFORMS" INSTITUTED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. APRA IS CLEARLY GEARING UP FOR THE COMING ELECTORAL BATTLES (REF B), WHICH IT HOPES WILL PROPEL IT INTO POWER. IT APPARENTLY STILL FEARS, HOWEVER, THAT THE MILITARY MIGHT TRY TO RETAIN ITS INFLUENCE OVER THE POLITICAL PROCESS BY ARRANGING A SOLID BLCOK GO GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED DELEGATES IN THE CONSITUENT ASSEMBLY.
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